

Claims

What is claimed is:

1. A wrapping material storage unit/workstation comprising:
 - a. a cabinet having a cabinet interior bounded by opposing upper and lower cabinet walls and opposing side cabinet walls extending between the upper and lower cabinet walls;
 - b. a door having an interior door surface and an exterior door surface, the door being foldably affixed with respect to the cabinet to swing between a fully closed position wherein the interior door surface is situated over the cabinet interior and a fully open position at which the door rests in an at least substantially horizontal plane, the door thereby defining a working platform in front of the cabinet interior when in the fully open position;
 - c. a spindle extending at least substantially horizontally between the side cabinet walls, the spindle being removably affixed with respect to at least one of the side cabinet walls whereby a roll of wrapping material may be mounted on the spindle; and
 - d. a shelf situated within the cabinet interior above the spindle, whereby items may be stored on the shelf and away from a path defined between the spindle and the working platform defined by the door resting in the fully open position, the items thereby being accessible from the working platform but not interfering with wrapping material extending from the spindle onto the working platform.

2. The wrapping material storage unit/workstation of claim 1 further comprising one or more rip bars extending at least substantially parallel to the spindle and spaced therefrom, whereby wrapping material extending from the spindle may be forced against the rip bars to attempt ripping of the wrapping material.

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3. The wrapping material storage unit/workstation of claim 1 further comprising an elongated guide slot defined on the door through which wrapping material may be fit, the guide slot having a sharp edge against which wrapping material may be ripped.

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4. The wrapping material storage unit/workstation of claim 3 wherein the guide slot is defined by an elongated bar affixed to the interior door surface adjacent to the cabinet.

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5. The wrapping material storage unit/workstation of claim 4 wherein the interior door surface bears regularly spaced indicia thereon to allow measurement of wrapping material situated on the interior door surface.

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6. The wrapping material storage unit/workstation of claim 1 wherein one or more foldable restraining arms extends between the cabinet and the door, and prevents the door from folding further away from the cabinet than its fully open position.

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7. The wrapping material storage unit/workstation of claim 1 further comprising an insertable dividing unit adapted to closely fit within a space in the cabinet interior above the shelf, the dividing unit bearing one or more partitioning walls which compartmentalize the space in the cabinet interior above the shelf.

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8. The wrapping material storage unit/workstation of claim 7 wherein the dividing unit includes intersecting horizontal and vertical partitioning walls, and a support wall perpendicularly joining the horizontal and vertical partitioning walls, the support wall having apertures therein opening onto spaces between the horizontal and vertical partitioning walls.

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9. A wrapping material storage unit/workstation comprising:

- a. a cabinet having a cabinet interior bounded by opposing upper and lower cabinet walls and opposing side cabinet walls extending between the upper and lower cabinet walls;
- b. a door having an interior door surface and an exterior door surface, the door being foldably affixed with respect to the cabinet to swing between a fully closed position wherein the interior door surface is situated over the cabinet interior and a fully open position at which the door rests in an at least substantially horizontal plane, the door thereby defining a working platform in front of the cabinet interior when in the fully open position;
- c. an insertable roll rack adapted to closely fit within the cabinet interior between at least one pair of opposing cabinet walls, the roll rack including:
 - (1) a front rack wall having an access aperture defined therein, the access aperture being elongated in an at least substantially horizontal direction;
 - (2) a rack shelf extending rearwardly from the front rack wall, the rack shelf being situated beneath the access aperture whereby it may support a roll of wrapping material thereon to supply the wrapping material through the access aperture situated above.

10. The wrapping material storage unit/workstation of claim 9 wherein the rack shelf slopes upwardly, thereby urging a roll of wrapping material thereon toward the front rack wall.

5 11. The wrapping material storage unit/workstation of claim 9 wherein a portion of the rack shelf spaced distant from the front rack wall is angled upwardly and towards the front rack wall.

10 12. The wrapping material storage unit/workstation of claim 9 further comprising a shelf situated within the cabinet interior above the roll rack, whereby items may be stored on the shelf and away from paths defined between the access aperture and the working platform defined by the door resting in the fully open position, the items thereby being accessible from the working platform but not interfering with wrapping material extending from the access aperture onto the working platform.

15 13. The wrapping material storage unit/workstation of claim 12 further comprising an insertable dividing unit adapted to closely fit within a space in the cabinet interior above the shelf, the dividing unit bearing one or more partitioning walls which compartmentalize the space in the cabinet interior above the shelf.

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14. The wrapping material storage unit/workstation of claim 13 wherein the dividing unit includes intersecting horizontal and vertical partitioning walls, and a support wall perpendicularly joining the horizontal and vertical partitioning walls, the support wall having apertures therein opening onto spaces between the horizontal and vertical partitioning walls.

15. The wrapping material storage unit/workstation of claim 9 further comprising an elongated guide slot defined on the door through which wrapping material may be fit, the guide slot having a sharp edge against which wrapping material may be ripped.

16. The wrapping material storage unit/workstation of claim 15 wherein the guide slot is defined by an elongated bar affixed to the interior door surface adjacent to the cabinet.

17. The wrapping material storage unit/workstation of claim 16 wherein the interior door surface bears regularly spaced indicia thereon to allow measurement of wrapping material situated on the interior door surface.

18. The wrapping material storage unit/workstation of claim 9 wherein one or more foldable restraining arms extends between the cabinet and the door, and prevents the door from folding further away from the cabinet than its fully open position.

19. A wrapping material storage unit/workstation comprising:

- a. a cabinet having a cabinet interior bounded by opposing upper and lower cabinet walls and opposing side cabinet walls extending between the upper and lower cabinet walls;
- b. a spindle extending at least substantially horizontally between the side cabinet walls, the spindle being removably affixed with respect to at least one of the side cabinet walls whereby a roll of wrapping material may be mounted on the spindle;
- c. a working platform movable between a working position which is at least substantially horizontal and situated below the spindle, and a storage position wherein the working platform is removed from an area in front of the cabinet interior; and
- d. a shelf situated within the cabinet interior above the spindle, whereby items may be stored on the shelf and away from a path defined between the spindle and the working platform when the working platform is in its working position, the items thereby being accessible from the working platform but not interfering with wrapping material extending from the spindle onto the working platform.

20. The wrapping material storage unit/workstation of claim 19 wherein the working platform is defined by a door hingedly affixed to the cabinet, the door being fully open when placed in the working position.